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SUBJ: DRAFT APPEAL FROM SYG FOR UNRWA FINANCIAL SUPPORT

REF: USUN 1682

1. RAPPORTEUR OF UNRWA WORKING GROUP IS CIRCULATING DRAFT TEXT OF LETTER FROM UN SYG TO ALL MEMBER STATES APPEALING FOR ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR UNRWA. REACTIONS OF OTHER WG MEMBERS ARE NOT YET AVAILABLE SINCE DRAFT HAS JUST BEGUN TO CIRCULATED FOR CLEARANCE. REQUEST ANY CHANGES DEPT WISHES MADE BY AFTERNOON MAY 7.

2. FOLLOWING IS DRAFT TEXT:

(SEE LAST YEAR' S APPEAL (ANNEX A, A/8849).)

" ONCE AGAIN I MUST APPROACH YOUR GOVERNMENT FOR URGENT HELP TO THE PALESTINE REFUGEES. YOU WILL RECALL THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS LAST SESSION DEMONSTRATED ITS GRAVE CONCERN OVER THE FINANCIAL PLIGHT OF UNRWA BY UNANIMOUSLY REQUESTING THE WORKING GROUP TO CONTINUE ITS EFFORTS IN SEEKING WAYS AND MEANS TO OVERCOME THE AGENCY ' S DEFICIT.

" THE COMMISSIONER- GENERAL OF UNRWA AND THE WORKING
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GROUP HAVE INFORMED ME THAT, DESPITE GENEROUSLY INCREASED CONTRIBUTIONS FROM SOME CONTRIBUTORS, THE AGENCY IS STILL FACED WITH A DEFICIT OF THE ORDER OF \$4.3 MILLION THIS YEAR, INCLUDING SUBSIDIES TO GOVERNMENTS FOR HEALTH AND

EDUCATION SERVICES TO REFUGEES. THE NEW FINANCIAL CRISIS WITH WHICH UNRWA IS FACED IS DUE INTER ALIA TO RECENT CURRENCY FLUCTUATIONS AS WELL AS COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENTS FOR LOCAL STAFF. THE COMMISSIONER- GENERAL HAS ADVISED ME TO THE EFFECT THAT, IF ADDITIONAL INCOME IS NOT FORTHCOMING PROMPTLY, HE WILL EVENTUALLY BE FORCED TO MAKE A DECISION ON THE REDUCTION OF SERVICES OF THE AGENCY.

" THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY (IN ITS RESOLUTION 2964 (XXVII)) EMPHASIZED ' THE URGENT NEED FOR EXTRAORDINARY EFFORTS AND EXCEPTIONAL MEASURES IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN, AT LEAST AT THEIR PRESENT LEVEL, THE ACTIVITIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND WORKS AGENCY FOR PALESTINE REFUGEES IN THE NEAR EAST.' THEREFORE, AFTER CONSULTATIONS WITH THE WORKING GROUP AND THE COMMISSIONER- GENERAL, I ADDRESS THIS APPEAL TO GOVERNMENTS, AS WELL AS INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND NON- GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS AND PRIVATE SOURCES, FOR URGENT VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS.

" I VERY MUCH HOPE THAT YOUR GOVERNMENT WILL GIVE URGENT CONSIDERATION TO THIS APPEAL AND WILL FIND IT POSSIBLE TO RESPOND GENEROUSLY."
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